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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and the Northeast, prices were unchanged to sharply higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances very firm. Demand was mostly moderate to good entering the weekend, with best improvement noted through planned feature activity on the on the West Coast. Supplies of the larger eggs were short to in balance, mostly tight; and the lighter eggs were usually adequate. Decreasing egg sizes and bird loss concerned producers throughout the Midwest as temperatures continued to rise throughout the region. Breaking stock supplies were no more than adequate from regular sources, and the limited trading continued to center around the available lighter weight product. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher for extra large, unchanged to 3 cents higher for large, and unchanged to 2 cents higher for mediums. Prices were unchanged in Philadelphia and New England. Trade sentiment remained confused under a firm undertone. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate for the smaller sizes and tight for the larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate from regular sources with new trading very limited. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm with traders cautious. Demand into all outlets was reported as moderate to good. Supplies remained tight for the larger sizes and mostly adequate for mediums.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 11 cents higher for large, 5 cents for mediums, and smalls were 1 cent up compared to Tuesday. Prices in the Chicago retail market were 11 cents higher on the larger sizes and advanced 5 cents on the mediums compared to Tuesday. Prices elsewhere unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged from steady to fully steady, instances firm on the larger sizes. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good with retail specials creating additional interest. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate, instances very tight for the larger sizes and mostly adequate for mediums and smalls. Concern is raising over the high temperatures plaguing the region causing bird loss. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher compared to Tuesday. Trading and demand continued mostly light as many breakers were unwilling to pay higher prices for heavy nest run product and currently just covering regular commitments. Egg product movement was light to moderate with the trade sentiment fully steady to firm for all liquid products. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices on extra large and large sizes advanced 4 cents, mediums 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate, and best where features are planned. Supplies adequate to barely adequate on larger sizes with hot weather reducing egg sizes and adequate on lighter weight sizes.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher than the current week. Retail demand was generally moderate to good, however, many areas were scaling back projected feature activity due to current market levels. Supplies of the larger eggs remained tight, and the medium and smaller sizes were usually adequate. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate from regular sources, however, additional supplies of heavy nest runs remained extremely limited. Offerings of light type hens were fully adequate to ample processing schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 15 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region; 10 cents higher on medium and small in California, 8 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. Retailer demand sharply improved by planned features. Offerings short both within and outside the region.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	104-119	93-107	56-62
New York	85-87	82-85	46-49
Philadelphia	65.5-85	63.5-83	40-46

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	33-34
Jackson (1)	77-78	71-72	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-82	66-80	40-54

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	73-78	72-77	37-42
Detroit (2)	59-62	58-61	28-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-65	57-63	29-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	63-71	51-62	32-39

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	77-80	71-74	47-48
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	84-96	80-87	55-61
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	100	90	65

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 15 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 10 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand improved to cover planned features. Offerings short. Small invoice price 45. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 199. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	65

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99-109
EXTRA LARGE	84-96
LARGE	80-87
MEDIUM	55-61

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Trading and demand continued mostly light as many breakers were unwilling to pay higher prices for heavy nest run product and currently just covering regular commitments. Buyers in need of heavy nest runs were bidding at the high side of the quoted range. Egg products movement was light to moderate with the trade sentiment fully steady to firm for all liquid products. Heat advisory currently in effect throughout areas in the Midwest. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	44-46	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-29	28
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Movement was fair as some breakers had product coming in from previous commitments. However, new trading was limited and usually confined to light weight and undergrades eggs. Weights were reported in a range of light to heavy but mostly light. Prices were trending sharply higher, but most breakers were unaggressive and operating normal schedules for next week. Trade sentiment was cautiously fully steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 17, 1999 were unchanged from last week, but 12% less than the same week last year. Current week schedules were normal to overtime.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	42-46
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-29
EASTERN REGION AREA:	AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-JUL-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,104,967	26,772	9,997	5,140	2,709	3,669
PW	1,089,066	26,004	9,403	4,917	2,880	3,605
LY	1,033,865	23,261	9,623	4,896	2,765	3,128
% PW	1	3	6	5	-6	2
% LY	7	15	4	5	-2	17
1999	30,401,645	703,877	294,723	162,156	73,932	95,443
1998	29,303,294	662,809	293,598	159,186	74,753	94,547

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.25	40.34	39.57

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS

No pasteurized whites reported. Pasteurized salt yolk traded in a range of 35-46 cents FOB.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 23 Jul, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	27	25-40.5	35.93	11.71
WHITES	10	26-31.5	29.60	3.10
YOLKS	3	38-52	46.00	8.50

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS The majority of trading in all categories was higher. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand was light as sellers increased prices in response to elevated shell egg price levels. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 17, 1999 were 6% more than last week, and 7% less than the same week a year ago. Shell egg supplies were generally adequate from regular sources.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-46	44-45
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	50-65
WHITES	38-42	40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55	53-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-53	50-53
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.		

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS All prices were sharply higher.

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm with whites and yolk products in the strongest position. Trading and demand was light to moderate as many sellers were waiting for the market to settle and buyers were trying to purchase in advance of market increases. Breaking stocks supplies were at levels to match production for regular commitments of egg products.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	MOSTLY
	RANGE	
WHOLE	44-48	45-46
WHITES	38-43	39-41
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	52-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-53	51-53

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 6 cents higher on whole, 3 cents higher on whites, and 4 cents higher on yolks.

Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/17 was 20% more than the previous holiday week. Breaking stock generally adequate. Frozen demand fair for the adequate freezer stocks. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	44-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Whole egg and yolk prices were higher, and the balance was unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand was usually light to cover immediate needs. Liquid supplies were limited and held confidently. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending July 17, 1999 were 6% less than last week, and 2% less than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.50-1.70	MOSTLY 1.55-1.60
YOLKS	1.29-1.60	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.40	MOSTLY 3.25-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.30	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/16/99-07/22/99

CURRENT LOADS							145.25		FUTURE LOADS					38.00		TOTAL LOADS				183.25	
SE			NE		MW							SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	52.75	62.58	63.00	57.00	55.00	—	40.25	GNR W 1	—	65.75	—	—	—	—	15.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	51.00	51.50	48.00	57.50	5.00	GNR W 3	—	46.75	—	—	—	—	4.00						
GNR W 3	41.50	50.00	25.50	27.00	39.25	32.50	8.00	GNR BR 1	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.25	32.75	4.00	GL W XL	67.91	—	—	76.00	67.42	72.35	9.75						
GNR BR 1	—	66.00	55.19	56.50	—	—	4.00	GL W LG	66.08	70.00	—	70.17	78.50	75.83	18.75						
GL W XL	—	—	67.00	72.90	65.44	71.19	27.25	GL W MD	25.86	25.80	—	—	—	30.58	12.00						
GL W LG	68.75	70.00	62.00	66.67	63.78	66.44	22.25	GL W SM	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GL W MD	23.00	31.00	22.69	25.89	26.25	28.72	19.50														
GL W SM	18.00	21.25	18.25	20.13	18.19	20.31	11.25														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	40.33	46.00	5.00														
NRBS - 42	—	36.00	—	—	32.50	33.50	4.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	31.00	—	—	—	1.00														
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	13.00	—	31.00	4.75														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for current processor needs. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light. Offerings were at adequate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were generally unchanged. Demand was light for continued ample offerings, even though prices have trended sharply higher on eggs. Undertone was steady with no changes in prices anticipated.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules irregular as some cancellations reported due to recovering egg markets.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR		
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
	LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0	(1)	
Eastern Light	0	(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	0-5	(2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading			
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA - WEEK ENDING 23-Jul-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	79.50	77.12	44.11
SOUTHERN	69.74	66.97	39.86
MIDWEST	64.75	62.65	33.20
WESTERN	92.09	84.43	59.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	79.73	75.42	46.62
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were again irregular, but usually about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive for at least sufficient offerings. Undertone was mostly steady on light canners and about steady with some caution noted on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24.5-26 MAJORITY 33-37 MAJORITY 34-36

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)
26.5-29 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5 33-40 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 17-Jul-99

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,978	1,089	3,067
LAST WEEK	1,797	1,385	3,182
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,164	1,223	3,387
TO-DATE/1999	60,629	37,889	98,518
TO-DATE/1998	59,220	35,418	94,638

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	506	0	506
LAST WEEK	374	14	388
SAME WEEK YR AGO	434	26	460
TO-DATE/1999	13,843	164	14,007
TO-DATE/1998	15,756	239	15,995

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,484	1,089	3,573
LAST WEEK	2,171	1,399	3,570
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,598	1,249	3,847
TO-DATE/1999	74,472	38,053	112,525
TO-DATE/1998	74,976	35,657	110,633

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 10, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	304	241	7,903	7,356
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	333	332
Total	304	241	8,242	7,738

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending July 10, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	32	72	2,291	2,286
Frozen	8	0	141	129
Dried	13	0	141	225
Total	53	72	2,573	2,640

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 10, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	0	83	567	782
Extra Large	460	1,601	17,313	21,327
Large	2,440	1,415	64,346	55,384
Medium	380	1,957	26,907	31,570
Ungraded	13,450	3,910	286,491	125,585
Misc	0	0	3,468	3,923
Total	16,730	8,966	399,092	238,571

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67-70	58-64	56-61	26-31	20-24

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	53-55	19-21	8-10

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	98-101	86-89	41-44	16-19

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 19-Jul-99	3,625	183,080	96,456
AM 1-July-99	3,057	180,335	96,237
CHG	568	2745	219
PCT CHG	19	2	0

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT (In Units of 1,000 Pounds)

	May 31 1998	May 31 1999	June 30 1998	June 30 1999
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	1,006	627	856	620
Yolks	1,162	738	1,000	845
Whole & Mixed	8,394	6,779	6,306	8,175
Unclassified	2,305	1,541	2,014	1,635
Total Frozen Eggs	12,867	9,685	10,176	11,275

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-Jul-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	35.1	32.5	8 29
BOSTON	5.9	5.7	4 -47
CHICAGO	47.8	47.1	1 1
DETROIT	32.5	27.0	20 16
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0 0
LOS ANGELES	86.0	88.7	-3 1
NEW ORLEANS	11.0	11.4	-4 -9
NEW YORK	35.1	37.0	-5 -19
ST. LOUIS	11.2	11.7	-4 6
SAN FRANCISCO	20.3	20.0	2 34
TOTAL	285.0	281.2	1 2
4 WK MVG AVG	282.7		

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 17-Jul-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	212.7	-4	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	428.6	0	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	205.2	-3	-8
S. ATLANTIC	188.5	-5	-8
S. CENTRAL	70.4	-2	-8
WEST	191.5	-17	-14
TOTAL	1,296.9	-5	-6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, JULY 20, 1999.
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	118 -	107 -	70 -	49 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	112-116 114-115	101-105 103-104	64-68 66-67	39-43 41-42
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	116-120 116	105-109 105	66-70 66	45-49 45
VERMONT MOSTLY	120-121 121	110 -	73-75 73	- -

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USDA PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-209, as amended, for pasteurized whole eggs for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened. Offers will be invited from the trade for the pasteurized whole eggs in one or more of the following forms: Thirty-pound containers (082030) - Frozen whole eggs (without color stabilizer) packed in a full opening type plastic container with snap-on type lid, 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net in each plastic container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,320 shipping containers totaling 39,600 pounds (17,962 kg).

Five-pound cartons (082065) - Frozen homogenized whole eggs with a color stabilizer packaged 5 pounds (2.27 kg) net weight in a pitcher-pour type, polyethylene-coated paperboard carton, and packed six 5-pound (2.27 kg) cartons per fiberboard shipping container with 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 1,334 shipping containers totaling 40,020 pounds (18,153 kg).

Bulk liquid whole eggs (083090) - Bulk liquid whole eggs (without color stabilizer) for further processing, packed and shipped in insulated tankers, 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg) net weight in each tanker. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Invitation No. 17 is being issued this week inviting offers due in Washington, D.C., by 1 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, Monday, Aug. 2. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Aug. 6, for delivery from Sept. 16 to Sept. 30.

There are some important changes to this year's program. The requirement for contractors to submit a Consignee Receipt evidencing delivery of product is replaced by a signed and dated commercial Bill of Lading. In addition, some item numbers and the associated quantity for the 5-pound cartons will be set-aside for small business concerns. For the poultry industry, a business with less than 500 employees is classified as a small business under the Small Business Act. The remaining item numbers and the associated quantities will be solicited for open competition from both small and large businesses.

As with the changes in recordkeeping procedures made last year, the contractor must ensure that both the contractor and subcontractor(s) maintain records such as invoices, or production and inventory records evidencing product origin, and make such records available for review by the USDA Inspector or other Government official(s) in accordance with Article 76 of USDA-1. Also, domestic origin forms must be completed for each contract awarded and presented to USDA Inspector at the processing facility and the Contracting Officer or agent thereof upon request. Each processing plant producing product under each contract must have a copy of this form on file. As with last year's Announcement, certifications, representations, and warranties will be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-209, as amended, and the Commodity Specification for Pasteurized Whole Eggs dated May 1996, as amended. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specifications and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-209, as amended, Appendix-1, Invitation No. 17, and the Commodity Specification for Pasteurized Whole Eggs dated May 1996, as amended, which was distributed to the trade in June 1996.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

U.S. egg production totaled 6.72 billion during June 1999, up 4 percent from the 6.46 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.63 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 1999 averaged 320 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during June 1998. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,104 eggs, up 1 percent from 2,088 eggs in June 1998. All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 1999, totaled 320 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 320 million layers consisted of 259 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 1999, averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from the 70.0 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.35 billion eggs during June, up 4 percent from June 1998. The average number of layers during June, at 302 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. These States are listed on page 8 of this release and account for approximately 95 percent of the total U.S. egg production. Production for the other States are grouped into an "Other States" category and combined with the 30 States published individually to obtain a U.S. estimate. Individual State estimates' for "Other States" are available annually in the "Layers and Egg Production report. Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 40.6 million, up 3 percent from June 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.0 million on July 1, 1999, down 3 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 187,000 during June 1999, down 47 percent from June 1998. Broiler The June 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 744 million, was up 4 percent from June of the previous year. There were 628 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 1999, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.04 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 1999, up 2 percent from June 1998.